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Dear Senator Cranston:

Thank you for your letter of February 5 on behalf of your constituent, [ ] concerning the imprisonment in Argentina of Sergio Ruben Pra, Pablo Bohoslavsky, Jose Erlich, Jorge Enrique Arrieta, and Oscar Kulzanosky.

Over the past few years, considerable progress has been made in the release of prisoners being detained by power of the National Executive, the so-called PEN prisoners. This is a special emergency power granted to the Executive which was initiated during the 1976 state of siege. I am pleased to inform you of the recent parole on November 2, 1982 of Ruben Pra.

We do not know the current status of Messrs. Bohoslavsky, Erlich, Arrieta or Kulzanosky. Cases of PEN detentions are systematically reviewed by Argentine authorities and we are hopeful that prisoners will continue to be released. The current number of PEN detainees is 245 and new releases are occurring monthly. We will ask our Embassy in Buenos Aires to investigate the status of these cases and to forward the available current information.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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